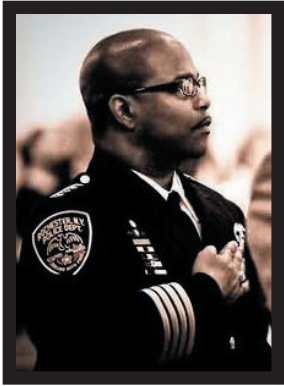


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## MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF:



Ladies & Gentlemen,

I know that many of you work tirelessly day in and day out, protecting the citizens of our community. Your excellent proactive arrests, thorough investigations and general positive engagements with citizens go a long way to bring us closer with the people we serve. You should know that your hard work has not gone unnoticed.

Also, to our many volunteers, your actions and willingness to give of your personal time helps enhance community confidence and distinguishes you as leaders within this organization. As you proceed in your careers, your commitment to community engagement efforts will not go unrewarded. It is my goal for the Policing in the Spirit of Service philosophy to become the culture within our agency and to become part of the fabric of how we police and engage the community.

In our ongoing strategy to engage the citizens of the City of Rochester, I am aware of several sworn and non-sworn employees that volunteer, and I thank them for their dedication and support for our numerous community and youth engagement efforts.

I will always have a high regard for the men and women who embrace the Policing in the Spirit of Service philosophy. They are the foundation of our agency's future. As we wrap up a long and hot summer season, thank you for your professionalism and hard work. These attributes, combined with our policing philosophy, will be the foundation of our collective success.

***Policing in the Spirit of Service.***

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## RPD WINS TOURISM CIVIC AWARD

important to our community in their own right, but we are pleased to call them a part of our team.”

Chief James Sheppard accepted the award on behalf of the RPD.

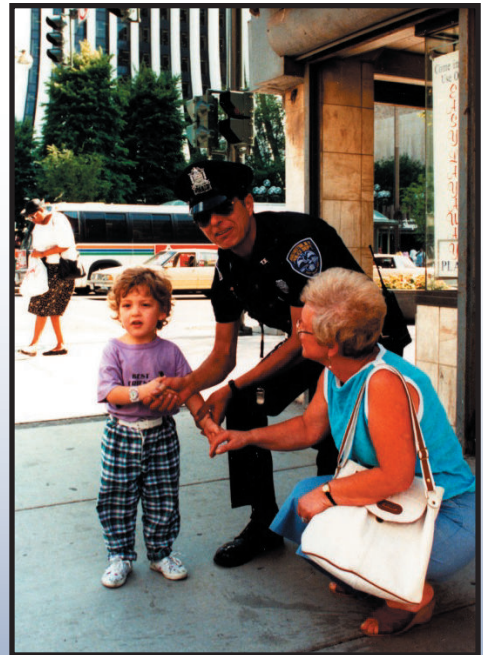
Note: VisitRochester is active with the PCIC.



VisitRochester, Monroe County's official tourism promotion agency, recently presented the Rochester Police Department with its Tourism Civic Award.

The award is presented annually to a Rochester-based company, institution or individual demonstrating an outstanding commitment to the visitor industry in Monroe County. Previous honorees include University of Rochester, Greater Rochester International Airport, and John Nugent and the Rochester International Jazz Festival.

In presenting the award at VisitRochester's annual meeting, board chair Craig Curran made the following remarks, "It gives me great pleasure to present this award. This year, it's a collective award going to an outstanding group of people whose job descriptions probably don't mention tourism, but who are often present when and where visitors experience our community. They are at our festivals, sporting events, parades, special events and anywhere else that people gather. Our awardees do their jobs, and go above and beyond. They often help visitors find their way by offering directions and answering questions. We hear they often carry visitor guides in their cars! They also provide a sense of security in our downtown center by welcoming convention attendees with their presence and recently, by adding a downtown location. They are



## A HISTORY OF ENGAGEMENT

Rochester Police Department has a history of engagement. Photo above is of the late Stan Kien, taken on Main Street, circa 1980.

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## –SPECIAL INSERT– PAL presents its most recent activities:

### PAL HOME RUN DERBY



On Saturday, September 1st, the RPD, Greece Police, NY State Police and Monroe County Sheriff's Office participated in a "Homerun Derby" exhibition at Edgerton Park. The PAL event was in collaboration with Frank Guzman of the Latin Youth Baseball program.

The Latin Youth Baseball players each adopted one of the law enforcement teams. Kids rooted on the officers, deputies and troopers as they competed against each other. This was another opportunity for cops and kids to be "On the Same Team". One goal of the Police Activities League is to provide engagement opportunities for officers and kids.



The RPD team included: Carlos DeJesus, Jose Munoz, and Aaron K. Eyrich.

### PAL STREET HOCKEY CHALLENGE

Volunteers teamed up with youth, ages 10 to 18, from the Greg Hopkins Change the Community Program for the PAL Street Hockey Challenge. PAL officers and youth were paired together to play other officers and youth for a street hockey exhibition game on Saturday, August 25th, at Frontier Field. The event was a big hit for volunteers and the youth.

Following the PAL youth game, the RPD hockey team was invited to take part in a 3-on-3 street hockey game against Rochester Amerks Alumni. The Alumni team included Amerks legends Jody Gage, Chris Taylor and Rory Fitzpatrick, while the RPD team featured Lt. Eric Paul, Sgts. Brian DiSalvo, Ralph Montinarelli and Bob Dinicola. PAL volunteers for the Street Hockey Challenge included: Lt. Eric Paul, Sgts. Bob Dinicola, Brian DiSalvo, Ralph Montinarelli, Rich Waldo, and Ofcs. Mike Sippel, Bill Gallagher, John Klinkhammer, Nick Thomas, Adam Radens, Tim Dempsey, John Skakuj, Rich Waldo, Ryan Paprocki.



Special Thanks to Greg Hopkins from Change The Community (CTC), Rob Crean and the Rochester Amerks staff.



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## CRIMINAL JUSTICE EXPLORER ACADEMY

Last month, members of RPD Explorer Post 655 and advisors attended the Criminal Justice Explorer Academy, held at the PSTF. The four-day event was an exciting co-ed day camp for high school students. The Explorer Academy provided the cadets with an opportunity to experience the many different career paths in the criminal justice field. In addition, cadets learned leadership skills and were provided an opportunity to learn hands-on law enforcement skills.

The course was designed to create a better understanding of what it would be like to work in the criminal justice field. Cadets worked directly with law enforcement officers, college professors, volunteers



and staff from the local Explorer office during this intensive criminal justice practicum.

The highlight of the week was a trip to the MCSO Marine Unit to ride the Sheriffs' boat, PRISM, and a K-9 demonstration by the RPD K-9 Unit.

The cadets also took a field trip to Lake Ontario to learn about Border Control and Customs, see different law enforcement boats, and learn about firearms safety.

Topics of other lessons included: Drug task force, types of patrols, polygraph testing, the science of forensics, self defense training and instruction on gang awareness.

Each day the cadets participated in various seminars and demonstrations from experts in the field. They also were a part of a physical conditioning program that a cadet would experience at a real academy. They began every day with roll call, military marching and physical training.

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## RPD RECRUITS TRAIN ON GENESEE ST.

The RPD's latest group of new officers-in-training took a break from their Scottsville Road classrooms to practice community relations and interviewing skills. Guiding them was training director Russ Coriddi, who retired from the RPD as Westside Patrol Commander in 2006.

Trainees visited several Genesee Street businesses, including Jim Dalberth, Brooks Boutique & Salon, Boulder Coffee and Staybridge Suites.



*Article and photo provided by the Genesee Corridor Business Association Newsletter.*

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## ANNUAL CROSSING GUARD MEETING

On August 28th, the Annual City of Rochester Crossing Guard meeting was held at the PSB Auditorium. Chief James Sheppard kicked off the meeting with a welcome and thanks to all of this year's participants.



The meeting welcomes and introduces new employees and covers the rules and regulations of employment. Attendees also received refresher training in traffic direction and control.

The program currently employs 84 Crossing Guards and six Crossing Guard Coordinators. Employees of the program are all city residents dedicated to making the community safer for children and pedestrians of all ages during the school year.

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## RPD DONATES WORK GEAR TO OFFICERS IN HAITI

Conditions in Haiti have improved since the 2010 earthquake brought devastation to this already poverty stricken country, however, there is much work to be done there. One area in dire need of help was

emergency services. Haiti's first responders, police in particular, work in terrible conditions and consider themselves fortunate if they have boots on their feet. Help was needed, and the Rochester Police Department answered this call. Hundreds of pieces of leather gear were generously donated by the members of the RPD. This was a tremendous effort led by RPD West Division Officer Sam Lucyshyn. Officer Lucyshyn assisted by leading the charge and getting the word out about the Haiti police gear drive. Officer Lucyshyn set up drop off boxes around the entire department. Officers then generously donated their excess equipment to officers in need. This is a classic example of an organization coming together as one to meet a common goal. Donations included basic items like flashlight holders and handcuff cases, but also leather gear such as boots, duty belts and ballistic vests.



After the gear was collected, the RPD then distributed the items to the Haiti 10-Year Commission organization, who will be coordinating the gear drop off.

Special thanks to the following who made this project possible: Off. Sam Lucyshyn, Sgt. Mark Simmons, Sgt. Kevin Riley, Off. Roy Adams, Joe Gangi, Darryl W. Porter, Dr. George Larkins, Mia Roan, Delaine Cook-Greene, Britt Pledger and the Haiti 10-Year Commission.

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## KUDOS, RPD!

I wanted to send a note of thank you for the ride along you graciously arranged for me last week and the extraordinary experience Officer Tomesha Angelo provided through her diligent policing and our conversation along the way. It was an eye opener! In the course of the day we went on 11 jobs: from a hit and run accident; to a fire; to a homicide suspect chase. It gave me a taste of the working life of an officer and I was left wanting to see even more.

Officer Angelo is a dedicated police officer who is passionate about the mission of the police force. She also speaks her mind and shares her perspectives, from which I gained insights and a clearer understanding of what it takes to keep our community safe every day. I was humbled.

When I think of the dangers and situations Tomesha and her fellow police officers face every moment and every day, I have deep gratitude and respect for the sacrifices they make on our behalf, often without acknowledgement. None of us, including me, can truly imagine what it is like for officers who put their lives on the line and face disrespectful treatment by the people they encounter in the normal course of their day. My heart aches thinking about what it must be like to face a barrage of adversity and the anxiety levels officers have to manage in themselves and others. The toll it must take on them and their families can be profound.

Thank you also to Lieutenant Aaron Springer for the time he took to talk with me before the ride along and for his interest in effective leadership. Aaron, I would be happy to debrief my experience with you at any time and to continue our conversation about leadership.

So, please accept my gratitude for opening my eyes to the vital and difficult role you have in keeping our community safe. I offer a sincere thank you for showing me a bit of your world so I can learn and internalize the lessons it can teach me to be a better parent, spouse, citizen, employer and consultant/coach with our clients.

With gratitude,  
Sherri McArdle, Co-CEO  
McArdle Ramerman Center

## AN ACT OF KINDNESS...

Chief Sheppard,

About 11:30 a.m. on August 29th, as I waited at the traffic light on the corner of St. Paul and Main Street, I saw what appeared to be a disabled man with a walker attempting to bend over to reach his shoe. A Rochester City Police Officer, who was directing traffic in the intersection, noticed his struggle and casually walked over, knelt down and tied his shoe for him. That's it, just a simple act of kindness. This may not come as a surprise to you, but did to me. Hats off to the Officer and the Department.

Sincerely,  
Tony Borrelli  
Borrelli Refrigeration, LLC



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## “MEET THE RPD”

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### MARK SMITH, P.S.S. COORDINATOR



#### **My Career:**

Mark has 22 years of law enforcement experience. Starting in 1990, he worked with the Livingston County Sheriff's Department as a Deputy Sheriff. He joined the ranks of the Rochester Police Department in 1994, where he was assigned to the Patrol Division. He has served in the Maple and Goodman Sections, and Patrol Division East. Mark has developed excellent relationships with the public, peers and supervisors. While at the East Division, he was tasked with serving as the Division Coordinator.

Mark is currently assigned to the Office of the Chief of Police, as the P.S.S. Coordinator. This is a role which encompasses the organizational functions of the Section. The Coordinator serves as the IAPRO Administrator, entering and tracking fleet vehicle accidents, pursuits, S.R.R.'s, additional employment, civil claims, etc. Additional duties include assisting with the administrative components of the Section such as long-term disabilities, Civilian Review Board, certified mailing tracking and quarterly and annual reports.

#### **Why did you want a career with the Rochester Police Department?**

I initially started my career with a rural agency, the Livingston County Sheriff's Department, which was a fantastic agency to work for. I also had the opportunity to work for the New York State Police, but the draw of urban policing, and the challenges that it offered, were too much to ignore. I saw a great opportunity with RPD and am glad I landed here. A major influence with my decision to join our Department was my cousin, Retired Police Chief Roy Irving.

#### **Tell me about a time in your career when you were most proud to be a member of the RPD?**

There is not one defining moment that I point to when I was most proud to be a member of this Department, but the bond and trust formed amongst those you work with is what I will remember when I leave the RPD. Rochester can be a very tough environment to work in, but knowing that the officer next to you is counting on you and conversely, putting your trust into their hands, is different from any other job. This is what I find most rewarding about working in the Rochester Police Department.

#### **What are some things you like to do when you're off duty?**

My wife Pamela and I have two boys who keep us pretty busy. I am very involved in youth sports, coaching football and baseball, and enjoy watching both boys play hockey. I am an avid Yankees and Sabres fan and enjoy reading when time allows.

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### **CARLOS ALVARADO, SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER: SPECIAL OPERATIONS DIVISION**



#### **My Career:**

I started my career with the RPD in May 1998. I completed FTO and worked in the Genesee Section for about two years. Though I enjoyed working 1st Platoon, I made the move to 3rd platoon. Around my fourth year, I moved over to the Clinton Section, 5th Platoon. After the re-org, I moved to East 4th. I became an FTO and had the opportunity to train some great future Officers. I worked here until I took a leave of absence from the RPD in 2006. I volunteered for the war in Iraq. In August of 2006, I was deployed to Africa for Operation Enduring Freedom. It wasn't Iraq, but I felt I had accomplished my mission to serve. I came back to the RPD in April of 2007. I left patrol in late 2008 for a position as a School

Resource Officer at Charlotte High School. I have really enjoyed my assignment as an SRO, because it allows me to engage the youth of Rochester in a positive and constructive light. Currently, I am still working as an SRO at Charlotte High School.

#### **Why did you want a career with the Rochester Police Department?**

I wanted to become a Police Officer for many reasons, but the most important reason was the ability to influence the youth and act as a mentor to children who come from less than desirable home situations. The Rochester Police Department consistently tries to bridge the gap in police and community relations. This was, and still is, very important to me.

#### **Tell me about a time in your career when you were most proud to be a member of the RPD?**

There have been many moments where I felt proud to be a part of this Department. A moment that really stands out was the night of September 11, 2001. An MDT broadcast was looking for volunteers to head toward Ground Zero and assist the NYPD. I remember seeing nearly every, if not all, officers working respond with a resounding, “yes”. It was such a dark moment in our nation's history, but it made me feel a sense of pride to know that we had such dedicated police officers within our ranks. As I understand it, the NYPD and the City of New York decided it would be best if only a few came, due to the chaos of organizing such a grand rescue effort. Only a handful of our officers went to Ground Zero, but our department was well represented and I was very proud.

#### **What are some things you like to do when you're off duty?**

I really enjoy volunteering and giving back to the community. I also love to play and watch ice hockey. My favorite teams are the Sabres and the Amerks. I like to vacation in tropical regions with my family. Scuba diving, snorkeling, wave running, and relaxing in the sun are some of my favorite things to do during my vacations.



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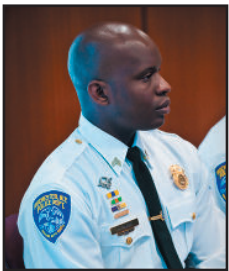


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### HENRY FAVOR, PATROL SUPERVISOR



#### **My Career:**

I started my career with the Rochester Police Department in May 2002. I completed FTO and worked in the Genesee Section until my first transfer to Clinton Section, 3rd platoon. It was during this assignment that I joined ETF (Emergency Task Force). Joining ETF was a career dream which has benefited me with a unique skill set, enhanced training, and a feeling of camaraderie which exists in few other places. I also became involved in training for the Department. I am an instructor in Defensive Tactics, Tactical Warrant Service, Firearms, EVOC (Emergency Vehicle Operation and Control) and various other general topics. I also spent time assigned to 4th platoon and the Tactical Unit. Each of these units, and the officers that I worked with, gave me a new perspective on different aspects and needs of both the department and the community.

I was promoted to the rank of Sgt. in June of 2009. I went back to third platoon in the West Division. Since promotion I have also worked on 4th platoon and am currently assigned back on the East side working 2nd platoon. Supervision has provided me with a unique view of how to best help my officers and serve the community.

#### **Why did you want a career with the Rochester Police Department?**

I first wanted to be a police officer after a Canine officer came to my middle school. I saw how well the dog worked with the handler and decided then that that was what I wanted to be. I have pursued that dream by working toward law enforcement since high school. I have since discovered that I do not have the same love for dogs that I did when I was a child, so the Canine unit is no longer an option for me. After I moved to Rochester, I observed the quality of work that was done and the reputation of the Department, and realized that I wanted to be a part of this team.

#### **Tell me about a time in your career when you were most proud to be a member of the RPD?**

There are more moments that I am proud of the RPD than I can count. If I had to narrow it down to a few select moments; they would be the day I said my Oath of Service and my father was there to watch me, the day an officer approached me and said that what he learned in DT actually worked on the road, and watching members of this department helping and teaching the children of our community.

#### **What are some things you like to do when you're off duty?**

While off duty I enjoy spending time with my family. I am also active in Jiu Jitsu training, teaching, and competing. I have recently been back to college and received my A.A.S. in Criminal Justice from MCC and I am currently continuing my education towards my Bachelor's Degree.

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## JOIN THE CLUB *Cultural, Fraternal and Social Clubs based in the RPD*

### ***An interview with Officer Brian Sexstone from the Rochester Police Emerald Society:***

#### **1. What is the RPES mission?**

The goals of the RPES are to promote a sense of pride in our Gaelic heritage and to foster camaraderie, brotherhood and fellowship amongst our members from numerous law enforcement agencies across the Rochester area. Also, to help raise money for law enforcement and Irish charities and organizations.

#### **2. Tell a little bit about the history of this organization and where you see RPES in the future?**

In 1955, the Rochester Police Emerald Society was born. At that time the Emerald Society was very much like it is today. The goals were basically the same, and they held fundraisers for various Irish and Law Enforcement charities and organizations. Back then, the Emerald Society also held the annual Policeman's Ball, much like the ball held today. In 1988 it disbanded because of low membership numbers. Its members were absorbed into the Ancient Order of Hibernians.

In 2008, members of the Rochester Police Department resurrected the Rochester Police Emerald Society (RPES). The Emerald Society is a social, fraternal and cultural organization. It is a non-profit multi-agency

organization with members from several local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies. The Rochester Police Emerald Society is currently the largest Irish organization in the Rochester area.

#### **3. If someone want to join RPES, how do they get involved?**

Membership to the RPES is open to all active and retired Law Enforcement Officers who want to further the goals of the RPES. Applications for membership are available on our website [www.rochesterpoliceemeraldsociety.com](http://www.rochesterpoliceemeraldsociety.com) or at a monthly membership meeting.

#### **4. Can you tell our readers what RPES events you have coming up?**

We have monthly membership meetings.

They are held on the third Monday of every month at 7:00 pm.

September 7-9, 2012 is the annual Rochester Irish Festival. For more information you can visit [www.rochesteririshfestival.com](http://www.rochesteririshfestival.com).

The RPES also has a large contingent that marches in the St. Patrick's day Parade each year. After the parade, the Emerald

Society hosts a large social gathering

where we celebrate our Irish heritage with food, drink, and authentic Irish bands as well as traditional Pipe bands.

For more information, visit our website at [www.rochesterpoliceemeraldsociety.com](http://www.rochesterpoliceemeraldsociety.com)



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## ***"Inside The RPD"***

**In this section we will highlight one Platoon/Unit of the Department.**

**THE TACTICAL UNIT:** Interview with Lt. Eric W. Paul

### **Mission/Responsibilities**

The Rochester Police Department's Tactical Unit is a proactive team dedicated to quelling and eliminating criminal activity throughout the city. We do this by providing directed patrol, crime specific details, and proactive anti-crime efforts which deal with specific crime problems and violent offenders. Some of our responsibilities include plain clothes surveillance, zero tolerance details, high visibility patrol, Operation IMPACT, drug interdiction, and any other specific details the Department may require. We work closely with the Major Crimes Unit, Special Investigations Section, both Patrol Divisions, and outside agencies. The use of both uniform, as well as plainclothes details, that may require surveillance and/or felony takedowns, is something we specialize in and do on a daily basis.

In addition, we also provide a rapid, organized, and disciplined Mobile Field Force, which responds to civil disorder for crowd control, or other tactical situations. The Tactical Unit also serves as the Rochester Police Department's Honor Guard. The Honor Guard is responsible for funeral details, parades, ceremonies and other events as approved by the Department.

The Tactical Unit is presently made up of 30 very proactive members that work in a "TEAM" mode every day. We work and train together regularly in an effort to make sure that we are all on the same page. This is extremely important because we are typically addressing the most violent offenders on a regular basis. What makes the "Tact Unit" special isn't what we do; I know there are plenty of close knit platoons in the patrol divisions that are very good. But what sets us apart from the rest is how we work with each of those other teams, units, or outside agencies. On any given night, we can expect to be doing building searches with Division personnel, Parole, Probation, State Police or even Sheriffs Deputies during IMPACT. Cooperating, communicating, and coordinating are the only reasons we are successful each and every night. Let's face it, going home in the same condition you started your tour is always our ultimate goal.



### **What is a typical day for a Tact Officer?**

First of all, there are no typical days/nights in the Tact Unit. Changing up our mode of operation on a daily basis, and sometimes in the middle of a shift, is the standard. We can be tasked with any number of objectives at any given moment. One might start out in uniform at roll call, and end up having to change into

plainclothes for surveillance an hour later. The ability to be flexible and available for anything is essential as a member of this team. We are typically given the names of individuals that need to be targeted due to their propensity for violence. In those situations, a Tactical supervisor will pick a two man team to complete a dossier, or thorough background, on that individual(s). Once all of the intel is obtained, it is shared with the remainder of the team; then the hunt begins. The

ability to make a solid legal "stop", or simple "inquiry", and then take that brief interaction to the next level, ending in an arrest involving drugs and weapons, is all in a day's work.

### **What advice would you give those interested in joining the Tactical Unit?**

- Be prepared to operate in a highly flexible environment that is ever changing and developing.
- Patrol experience is essential because it will give you the tools to understand what is happening around you every day.
- Listening and talking to members of the community is imperative, because that is how one gains intelligence information. (Then share it with others).
- Develop a solid rapport with your brother/sister officers by helping them when they need it and asking for help when you need it.
- Talk to other Tactical Unit members and tell them you're interested. Get their perspective, or just stop by the Special Operations Division for a visit. We are always looking to expand the TEAM.



## WE PRODUCE LEADERS

*Over the years, the Rochester Police Department has developed a national reputation for excellence due in large part to the tremendous talent, commitment and innovative thinking exhibited by those who have worn the uniform of the Rochester Police Department. The "We Produce Leaders" series highlights RPD alumni who have gone on from the Department to continue serving the community in a variety of leadership roles. We hope these articles inspire current RPD members and demonstrate the many ways that the skills and professionalism gained as a RPD officer benefits the community for a lifetime.*



### **RETIRED LIEUTENANT JERROLD SELDES**

During his career with the RPD, Jerrold held assignments in patrol, Research and Evaluation, Professional Standards Section, 311, SCUBA Squad, Firearms Instructor and General Topics Instructor.

### **DESCRIBE A HIGHLIGHT OF YOUR CAREER IN RPD AND HOW THAT SHAPED YOUR FUTURE:**

"My time in Research and Evaluation afforded me the opportunity to see police work from different angles. The skills I learned there concerning project management, the "business" side of police work, helped prepare me for life after police work. Every day I use the skills that I learned in the administrative assignments of my career."

### **ACCOMPLISHMENTS SINCE YOUR RETIREMENT:**

Jerrold served as the Emergency Planning Specialist with Unity Health System, and is currently the Director of Corporate Security and Emergency Preparedness with Unity Health System.

### **ADVICE THAT YOU WOULD GIVE TO THE OFFICERS CURRENTLY ON THE JOB:**

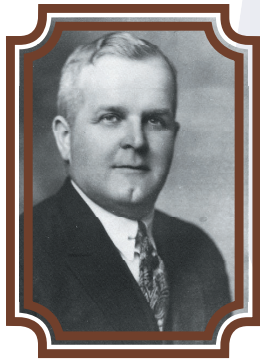
"The RPD has a tremendous amount of talent within its ranks. Learn from your peers."

## Remembering Our Fallen Heroes

*Thirteen officers have died in the line of duty over the 193-year-history of the Rochester Police Department.*

*We honor their memory by sharing their stories with members of our department.*

*Our thanks to Capt. Johnston for researching and providing the information.*



**Detective Victor Woodhead**

Appointed May 16, 1914

May 8, 1885 – November 17, 1932

On November 12, 1932, at about 12:00 p.m., Detective Victor Woodhead, along with his partner, Detective Archie Sharpe, acting upon information, went to the Stillson Street ramp garage to apprehend Joseph K. Grant, a well known burglar, thief and hold-up man. Grant was being sought in connection with numerous thefts in and outside the Rochester area.

Detective Woodhead and Detective Sharpe trailed Grant to the garage. Upon seeing Detective Woodhead, Grant, who was getting into his car, leaped from the vehicle in an attempt to escape arrest. Detective Woodhead called to him and Grant turned around with a .32 caliber revolver in his hand and fired four shots at the detective, one of which passed through Woodhead's left arm, punctured the left lung and lodged into his spine.

Detective Sharpe, who was outside at the time, ran around the side of the building in pursuit, but Grant was able to escape. Eight hours later Grant was arrested and charged with Assault, 1st degree. On November 17, 1932, Detective Victor Woodhead died from the fatal gunshot wound which he received. Joseph K. Grant was charged with Murder, 1st degree, but pleaded guilty to Murder, 2nd degree and was sentenced to life in prison.

Detective Woodhead took his duty as his ministry. One of his favorite passages was that wherein it described a policeman as a Servant of God. A quote in the article written after his death stated that "His last words before he died were those of the Lord's Prayer."

Detective Woodhead was buried at Mt. Hope Cemetery on November 21, 1932. Detective Woodhead's name appears on Panel 8, W-14, on the National Law Enforcement Memorial located in Washington D.C.

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## SEPTEMBER SERVICE ANNIVERSARIES

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**WE PROUDLY DISPLAY OUR PAL PIN**  
**CITY OF ROCHESTER, NY POLICE DEPARTMENT**

## Rochester Police Officers and Youth are "On the Same Team"



The Rochester Police Department is excited to announce the creation of the Police Activities League pin. The pin has been authorized by Chief James Sheppard to be worn by officers who have volunteered time to engage with youth in the City of Rochester.

Over the last year, police officer volunteers have connected with youth through a variety of engagements and events. Some of the engagement events include: Book drives, readings to children, video gaming events, basketball camp, horse riding program ("A Horse's Friend"), visits with children at Golisano Children's Hospital, and cops and kids fishing event.

*Rochester Police Department: Policing in the Spirit of Service*